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STATUS OF M.B.T. ARJUN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Main Battle Tank 'ARJUN' has been in the pipeline for the last 15 years;

(b) whether the Army set up new parameters for the tank on joining of a new Army Chief each time resulting in delaying its final design; and

(c) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken to produce a cost-effective and efficient Main Battle Tank and the time by which it is likely to be developed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The development of MBT Arjun has already been completed and the Army has placed an indent for manufacture of 124 Arjun tanks.